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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Andrea Steimer

SERIAL NO.: 10/088,384

FILED: March 15, 2002

TITLE: TRANSCRIPTIONALLY SILENCED PLANT GENES

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

EXAMINER: Mehta, Ashwin D.

CONFIRMATION NO: 5107

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Communication of May 10, 2005 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 10, 2005. A one-month extension to July 10, 2005 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Applicant's credit card in the amount of \$120.00 for payment of the extension fee. Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form for fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

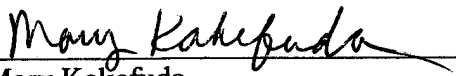
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